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**From:** Ostrander, David  
**Sent:** Mon 8/31/2015 7:08:43 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Press Inquiry GKM - Colorado Statesman (#217)

Any significance to varying(increasing over the last week) flow rates?

**From:** Griswold, Hays  
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2015 12:36 PM  
**To:** Mylott, Richard  
**Cc:** Smith, Paula; Way, Steven; Ostrander, David  
**Subject:** Re: Press Inquiry GKM - Colorado Statesman (#217)

Richard, it is 570gpm

Hays

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 31, 2015, at 12:28 PM, Mylott, Richard <[Mylott.Richard@epa.gov](mailto:Mylott.Richard@epa.gov)> wrote:

Some questions below- only action for R8 is question about current GKM discharge rate in gpm. Can someone share an updated #? Thanks.

Rich

**From:** Hawkins, CherylA  
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2015 12:22 PM  
**To:** Ammon, Doug; Gartner, Lois; Deitz, Randy; Avvisato, Frank; Jeng, Richard; Youkeles, Alan; Woodyard, Josh; Mylott, Richard; Bowles, Jack  
**Cc:** Keller, Melanie; Wells, Suzanne; Fitz-James, Schatzi; EOC Technical Specialist; Stalcup, Dana  
**Subject:** Press Inquiry GKM - Colorado Statesman (#217)

We've received the following questions from the Colorado Statesman. I've indicated next to each question who OSRTI believes could best answer the question. If you don't believe you can answer the question you've been assigned, please let me know ASAP. We would like the answers by COB today.

1. Is NPL listing worth it? – **Doug Ammon and Lois Gartner**
2. How much funding is available for individual projects? – **Richard Jeng and Art Youkeles**
3. How much has funding for projects decreased since the polluters tax went away? – **Randy Dietz**
4. How long does it take for funding to be available once a project is added to the NPL? – **Lois Gartner**
5. What are some Superfund success stories, particularly any involving tourism-heavy regions? (He lives near CO's Eagle Mine, where the river used to run yellow. It was added to the NPL, and over the last 25 years it has been almost totally cleaned up, and is now a success story.) – **Frank Avvisato**
6. Is that discharge rate of more than 800 gallons per minute still occurring? – **Region 8, Richard Mylott**
7. How much money had the EPA earmarked for remediation of that problem? (believe the reporter is referring to removal funds, not remedial) – **OEM Josh Woodyard**
8. How much more money could be expected with a Superfund designation and placement on the NPL? - **See answer #1, Doug Ammon and Lois Gartner**
9. How long would that process take and how high on the NPL list would Silverton be given it is not an immediate hazardous health concern (although downstream towns might argue that point)? – **Doug Ammon**
10. This GAO report paints a fairly bleak funding picture for NPL remediation:  
  
<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d10380.pdf> - not a question, not assigned
11. How many NPL sites were cleaned up during peak funding era in the 1990s when Polluter's Pay Superfund Tax was in place? – **Lois Gartner**
12. How many sites are cleaned up in more recent years when the EPA has had to rely on general funds from Congress? Here former administrator Lisa Jackson lobbied Congress to reinstate Polluter's Pay tax in 2010:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/652d9edd5cf71a2585257359003f5343/6e61eb7ab20b163c8525774>  
– **Lois Gartner**

13. Where does the current EPA stand on the Superfund tax issue, which Oregon Rep. Earl Blumenaur has filed a bill to reinstate:

[https://blumenauer.house.gov/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=2470:representative-blumenauer-announces-introduction-of-superfund-reinvestment-act&catid=63&Itemid=220](https://blumenauer.house.gov/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2470:representative-blumenauer-announces-introduction-of-superfund-reinvestment-act&catid=63&Itemid=220)

– **OCIR, Jack Bowles**

If you have any questions, please call me at 703-603-9106

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